

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph in the written description as follows with the marked-up version of the paragraph, wherein the strikethrough text demarcates deleted text and the underlined text demarcates added text:

Page 9, line 29, through page 7, line 10

“Distributed agreement according to the present invention ensures that a given entry server accepts a user’s request (such as a file push request) only if a “quorum” of servers agree on the request. ~~According to the invention, it~~ It is assumed that the invention is implemented in a system that has a set of distributed servers that accept file submissions and, optionally, a set of stagers that stage the files. A quorum is a subset of the set of distributed servers required for request acceptance and agreement. The value of a quorum preferably is parameterized, but typically defaults to a simple majority. With this technique, if a server stages data for download, there is a guarantee that a quorum of servers has agreed on the data.”